



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1569

**DATE:** October 30, 2015

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Hospitals, Clinics, Maternal Health Centers, Screening Centers, Family Planning Agencies, Local Education Agencies, Home Health Agencies and Pharmacies

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** FluMist Provided by the Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

On October 8, 2015, the IME received notice from the Iowa Department of Public Health that the VFC program FluMist for the 2015-16 season will not be available until late December 2015. Providers may use and bill for private stock when providing flu vaccine to children.

The IME has identified the following products for reimbursement by Iowa Medicaid Fluzone, FluMist and Fluarix and the following NDCs:

NDCs (National Drug Code):

58160-0903-52  
66019-0302-10  
49281-0515-25  
49281-0415-50  
49281-0415-10  
49281-0623-15  
48281-0396-15

To bill Medicaid for private stock FluMist for a VFC eligible member, the appropriate flu vaccine procedure code with an appended "U8" modifier must be used. The vaccine administration procedure code should be billed as usual. Claims submitted without the "U8" modifier appended will result in non-payment of the vaccine.

When billing the "U8" modifier, the claim must:

- Be submitted with the "U8" modifier appended to the appropriate CPT code for the FluMist vaccine.
- Include sub-charges for each line item/vaccine code billed. Reimbursement at the fee schedule rate will only occur when line item sub-charges are equal to or greater than the IME fee schedule rate.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).